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LEGISLATION 2016

Even though it's the middle of July and the opening of the 2016 Maryland General Assembly session seems a long way off now is the time to start thinking about the laws that govern the sale of alcoholic beverages in Maryland. If you have an idea to create a new law, amend an existing one, or repeal an old one that will make your business more efficient or profitable, let the Board know. Alcoholic beverage laws can be confusing and occasionally contradictory. If you can think of a way that is more efficient it might benefit the entire industry. Not every idea will result in a new law but nothing will get changed if you don't act. Contact the Board office to submit your ideas. A summary of this year's new legislation, most of which took effect on July 1, 2015, is available on the Board's website.

Reminder to Keep the Board Informed

This is a reminder to licensees to keep their business and contact information updated with the Board. The Board no longer requires proof of worker's compensation insurance to accompany the license renewal since most worker's compensation insurance don't follow the liquor license renewal schedule. However, all businesses are still required to have current proof of insurance on file with the Board.

♦ All 2014 trader's licenses expired on April 30, 2015. If your trader's license is expired it must be renewed at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County or online at:

<https://jportal.mdcourts.gov/license/pbLogin.jsp>.

Restaurant licenses may also be renewed on-line using that website.

♦ Information to keep updated includes any changes affecting your license including home address, telephone number, or e-mail address.

Any resident licensee who is going to be away from the business for more than ten days must notify the Board.

JUNE 22nd

COMPLIANCE TEST

The Board's inspectors and the Harford County Sheriff's Office completed a compliance test on June 22, 2015. The passing rate was 88% with twenty-three of the twenty-six businesses refusing to serve the nineteen year old underage volunteer. All three establishments that failed did not request identification.

Always check ID if you are not sure of the customer's age.

FREE POSTERS AVAILABLE

The Board has received a new supply of **No Vertical ID** signs advising customers that your business does not accept vertical identification. Both versions of the poster include a statement that the Board fully supports the **No Vertical ID** policy and include the contact information for the Liquor Board if your patrons have any questions or comments. Contact the Board office to obtain signs for your business.



Images of both posters are available on our facebook page.